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[SENATE FILE NO. 94.]

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO DEFINE THE CRIME OF SWINDLING, AND TO PUNISH THE SAME.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That whoever, by  
 2 the means of three-card monte, so-called, or any other game or device, slight-of-hand, pretensions  
 3 to fortune telling, or other means whatever by use of cards, or other implements or instruments,  
 4 fraudulently obtains from another person money or property of any description, shall be deemed  
 5 guilty of swindling, and shall, on conviction thereof, be punished as provided for the punishment  
 6 of larceny in section 3902, chapter 4, title 24, of the Code.

SEC. 2. It is hereby made the duty of any conductor, agent or employe of any railway,  
 2 stage or steamboat company, or keeper of any hotel, or proprietor of any place of public enter-  
 3 tainment, or the officers or managers of any fairs or fair grounds, to prevent and prohibit the  
 4 commission of the crime of swindling as defined by section one (1), of this act, on any such  
 5 railway, stage-coach, steamboat, or in such hotel or place of public entertainment, or within such  
 6 fair grounds within this State. And it is hereby made the duty of such conductor, agent, employe,  
 7 hotel keeper and proprietor of any place of public resort, or the officers or managers of any fair  
 8 grounds to arrest any such person or persons so offending, with or without warrant, and turn such  
 9 person or persons over to the nearest and most accessible magistrate for examination or trial. And  
 10 it shall further be the duty of said person so arresting such person or persons to attend before such  
 11 magistrate to testify or prosecute on such examination or trial. Any conductor, agent or employe  
 12 of any such railroad, stage or steamboat company, hotel keeper, proprietor of any place of  
 13 public resort, or his employers, or the officers or managers of any fair or fair grounds failing,  
 14 neglecting or refusing to perform the duties herein mentioned shall be deemed a party to the crime  
 15 of swindling, and may be punished as a principal.

SEC. 3. For the purposes of this act the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, examining  
 2 magistrates and district courts shall be co-extensive with the boundaries of the State of Iowa.

SEC. 4. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force and effect from  
 2 and after its publication in the Daily State Register and State Leader, newspapers published in  
 3 Des Moines, Iowa.